



SCHOOL EMPLOYER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 30, 2004

12 Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Room 1170/80, Lincoln Plaza

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Amy Adams
Brenda Boothe
Deepa Desai
Carolyn Nielsen
Choy Wong
Darrell Early
Janice Hassler
Josie Cruz
Karen Wiker
Alice Ho
Mike Novak
Pam Fowler

Paula Driscoll
Roni Tobin
Sharie Ortega
Sharon Marshall
Sue Daniel
Tammy Britt
Tina Kaufman
Ann Music
Lori McGartland
SalliAnne Maliguine
Dawn Evans

Anthony Suine
Pat Dyba
Mary Saenz
Wayne Breece
Marc Wilson
Jill Coe
Karl Klun
Dora Noegel
Fern Johnson
Nancy Veitenhans

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dora Noegel provided a legislative update. She asked that attendees refer to the on-line legislative updates.

AB 1253—Nothing new on the golden handshake.

AB 1959—At the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 921—Has been amended and re-referred.

SB 1439—At the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1602—Bill is dead.

NEW WEBSITE DEMO

The new website is so much easier to navigate. The website has appropriate topics already assigned to each target group (state, school, public agency); however, you do have the option to do some exploring as well. In the employer section, there is a tab for

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school district employers. In this section you will find the agendas and minutes for the School Employer Advisory Committee meetings, circular letters, ACES, and numerous other related subjects. If you have any trouble using the new website, please contact the Employer Contact Center at (888) CalPERS (225-7377) for assistance.

ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT (ARSC)

Nancy Veitenhans, Member Services, stated that employment certification will be required for any portion of the cost paid through after tax funds, installment payment and in-service plan-to-plan transfers of pre-tax funds from 403(b) and 457 plans. You must certify that you have worked outside of CalPERS-covered services one year for each you want to purchase up to five years. This can be in any employment as long as you were paid. If you plan to transfer money from another retirement plan to purchase ARSC, it is up to that plan administrator to allow the transfer of funds for the purchase. Be sure and check the FAQs on the website as the questions are updated frequently. The service credit calculator is available on line. The public agency calculator should be available July 27. The purchase of ARSC is a one time election. The years you purchase will not qualify you for vesting. If you withdraw your contributions and return to work for a CalPERS-covered agency, you can redeposit the withdrawn contributions. Once your packet has been received to participate in the ARSC program, you will be sent an acknowledgement letter
([6-30-04 Workflow Acknowledgement Letter.doc](#)).

OPERATING EFFICIENCIES

As has been discussed in past meetings, we have been brainstorming ways to cut costs. Below is a response to items previously submitted to cut costs:

- CalPERS Manual: the manual will be on line in 2005.
- The State Handbook: it is already on line.
- Member statements available on line: Currently they are still being mailed. The annual statements will be available on line.

The floor was opened up for any questions and/or comments. No new suggestions were made.

REPORTING PAY RATE: Anthony Suine mentioned that CalPERS is looking into the appropriate point at which overtime should be reported. Prior to AB 2177, schools reported overtime after 35 hours. Post AB 2177, overtime should actually not be reported until after 40 hours. Feedback from the attendees was that reporting that way would be difficult because it is not how they will be paid. They will be paid overtime between 36-40 hours. A meeting will be set up with our Legal Office to discuss this issue.

EMPLOYER SURVEY: SalliAnne Maliguine mentioned that there will be another employer survey this fiscal year. We need your participation in order to see where your service needs are.

EMPLOYER CONTACT CENTER (ERCC): When the ERCC began almost a year ago, we had very little statistics to know how many staff would be needed in order to handle the volume of phone calls. We began with 11 agents. Backup staff were designated in case we received an overflow of calls. With a year of actual call volume statistics we were able to add 5 more agents and their training is underway. Pat Dyba and her staff were recognized and thanked as the backup staff.

ACES: It was requested if ACES-Participant Inquiry could be modified to show whether an employee was vested and if they had prior school services. CalPERS will look into this and report back.

SCHOOL EMPLOYER TRAINING: It was suggested that the trainers be better informed with school-related issues when providing training to others.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA (August 11):

CalPERS/CalSTRS Membership Elections; Legislation; Overtime Pay Rates; ACES-Participant Inquiry Modification Request; Operating Efficiencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.